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**Minutes**

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters  
Department of Public Safety, 50 Maple St, Milford, MA 01757  
September 21, 2016, 11:00 AM**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 11:15 a.m., followed by roll call, the Chairman asked that members identify themselves and whom they represent:

**Board Members Present:**

Edward Kawa, Chairman  
Mark Fortune, Sprinklerfitter Member  
John Viola, Sprinkler Contractor Member  
Brian Kelly, Mass. Building/Construction Trades  
Pauline Lally, User Member  
Frank Norton, Boston Refrigeration Contractors  
Sharon Orr, Mechanical Engineer  
Jennifer Revill, Public Member

**Board Members Not Present:**

Leo Fahey, Pipefitter Member  
Dan Dumont, NE Mechanical Contractors  
(Vacant), Refrigeration Technician Member

**Guests Present:**

Barbara Lagergren, Gould Const.  
Gordon MacEwan, IAPMO  
Brian Christo, Local 877  
Henry Geryk, DPS  
Brian Lavin, RT Applicant  
Arlindo Constantino, RT Applicant  
John O'Sullivan, PJ Applicant  
Americo Colon, RT Applicant  
Cesar Lastra, DPS  
Holly Bartlett, DPS

2. **Minutes:** Draft minutes from the meeting on June 15, 2016, were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. **Applications for Review:**
  - Application to examine for Refrigeration Technician submitted by Arlindo Constantino was considered, Mr. Constantino was present at this meeting. Mr. Constantino summarized for the Bureau his work and educational background. **As there is no documentation of completion of an apprenticeship program, a motion to table this application for 60 days pending further documentation from the applicant was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Jennifer Revill; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
  - Application to examine for Refrigeration Technician submitted by Brian Lavin was considered, Mr. Lavin was present at this meeting. **Motion to approve this application made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- Application to examine for PHC Pipefitter Journeyman submitted by John O’Sullivan was considered; Mr. O’Sullivan was present at this meeting. **Motion to deny this application made by John Viola, seconded by Jennifer Revill; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
  - Application to examine for Refrigeration Technician submitted by Americo Colon was considered; Mr. Colon was not present at this meeting. Supervisor Henry Geryk informed the Bureau that Mr. Colon completed an apprenticeship in New Jersey, and that he has tried to contact Mr. Colon but has not been able to contact him. **Motion to deny this application due to lack of information was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. Apprentice Prerequisites: The Chairman addressed the Bureau regarding the prerequisite of a high school diploma for apprentice applicants, specifically those applicants who are participating in a high school co-ops. Brian Kelly added that the Plumbing Board requires the apprentice applicants be 16 years of age, but there is no requirement to be a high school graduate. Pauline Lally suggested that the Bureau waive the high school diploma requirement for apprentice applicants who are enrolled in an approved co-op program. Brian Kelly suggested that further research of this matter be done prior to making any decision. **The Chairman stated that this matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.**
  5. Matters not reasonably anticipated:
    - Henry Geryk asked for clarification on the pipefitter apprentice application, which allows an applicant to apply for either process or power heating cooling apprenticeship. DPS Counsel advised that since this matter was not actually on the agenda, discussion should be postponed until the next meeting as an agenda item.
    - Frank Norton asked about how a recently passed House Bill will affect Section 81 of Chapter 146. The Chairman stated that language has been added requiring that testing and inspection work be done by a licensed pipefitter journeyman; he also explained that visual inspection or observation could be done by a person with Further discussion of this matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
  6. **Motion to adjourn made by Brian Kelly, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.**

**The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the DPS Milford office.**

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Draft minutes from meeting on June 15, 2016
- b. RT Application from Arlindo Constantino
- c. RT Application from Brian Lavin
- d. RT Application from John O’Sullivan
- e. PJ Application from Americo Colon